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SUMMARY. PERON'S CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF TO BEGIN WITH AUG 31 CITY-WIDE WORK STOPPAGE AND LABOR MARCH TO CGT TO SALUTE PERON. PERONIST YOUTH WILL PARTICIPATE IN MARCH. WITH EXCEPTION RADICAL PARTY LABOR AND CORDOBA MARXIST UNIONS, VIRTUALLY ALL ORGANIZED LABOR WILL PARTICIPATE IN SIMILAR MARCHES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. CGT ANTICIPATES ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION, HOWEVER, ISOLATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE POSSIBLE. RUCCI'S FUTURE IN CGT MAY DEPEND ON SUCESS OF DAY'S PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. JUSTICIALIST ELECTION CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF SLATED FOR AUG 31 WITH CGT AND PERONIST 62 ORGANIZATIONS SPONSORED LABOR PARADE TO CGT HEADQUARTERS. BUENOS AIRES ECONOMIC AND GOVT ACTIVITY WILL GRIND TO HALT AS VIRTUALLY ALL CITY WORKERS HOLD 14 HOUR WORK STOPPAGE BEGINNING AT 10 AM. TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCH WHICH WILL LAST SEVERAL HOURS. SIMILAR WORK STOPPAGES AND RALLIES ARE PLANNED THROUGHOUT ENTIRE COUNTRY.

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2. THE PERONIST YOUTH (JP) WING, WHICH HAD EARLIER SHOWN

REBELLIOUS TENDENCY BY ATTACKING ISABEL PERON'S VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY, WCWL PQMTICIPATE IN MARCH, APPARENTLY THEREBY CONFIRMING THEIR INTENTION TO SUPPORT THE TICKET. A RUMORED PLAN FOR THE WORKERS TO MARCH ON CONGRESS AND DEMAND CONGRESSIONAL, RATHER THAN POPULAR, ELECTION OF PERON HAS BEEN DENIED BY RUCCI. SECURITY FOR PERON, WHO REPORTEDLY WILL BE AT THE CGT DURING ENTIRE TIME, AND THE MARCHERS IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE CGT RATHER THAN BY CITY POLICE.

3. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY LABOR SOURCES, THE CGT ANTICIPATES A PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION. IN FACT, CGT COUNCIL MEMBER MICO TOLD LABATT THAT THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM CONFRONTING THE PARADE'S ORGANIZERS WAS HOW TO ASSURE THAT PERON COULD PHYSICALLY REMAIN ON THE BALCONY DURING THE ENTIRE MARCH. HE SAID THE WORKERS ALL WANT TO SEE PERON, AND THAT HIS NON-APPEARANCE DURING ANY PART OF THE MARCH COULD CREATE PROBLEMS. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ANY GROUND - IF IT SO DESIRES - CAN CREATE A SITUATION OF VIOLENCE, WHICH COULD EASILY BE EXACERBATED BY THE UTILIZATION OF CGT RATHER THAN NORMAL POLICE SECURITY.

4. THE WORKERS' MOBILIZATION HAS BEEN PLANNED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY BY CGT SEC GEN RUCCI, WITH A RESULTANT FRICTION BETWEEN HIM AND THE PERONIST LABOR ARM LEADER, LORENZO MIGUEL. RUCCI'S FUTURE IN THE CGT MAY WELL DEPEND ON THE RELATIVE TURNOUT AND SUCCESS OF THE MARCH. BARRING ANY UNFORESEEN VIOLENCE, IT SHOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AS THE ONLY MAJOR CRITICISM AND INDICATIONS OF NON-PARTICIPATION HAVE EMANATED FROM THE RADICAL PARTY (UCR) AND THE CORDOBA MARXIST UNIONS, WHICH CHARGED THE CGT WITH ILLEGAL INVOLVEMENT IN PARTISAN POLITICS.  
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